

3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Year B  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2015



#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*"St Thomas More Parish, Ruse, is a Christ-centred Catholic Community that is committed to living Gospel Values, united by faith as we bring God's Kingdom to life. Our Mission is to welcome all, and respect and support each other in our spiritual journey. We encourage the gifts of people in building our community"*

*Our Parish is wheelchair friendly. We have a ramp going into the Church and one going into the Parish Hall. Please let your family and friends know. "Anyone who welcomes you, welcome me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Matthew 10:40"*

**GLUTEN FREE HOSTS:** If you require *Gluten Free Hosts* for Holy Communion please see Fr Tony *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH:** Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either let Fr Tony know or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967.



**WELCOME:** Back to our Parish School Children who will commence their new school year 2015 during this week. We wish them well, and also to those Kindergarten children who will be commencing school this week and next.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February:** Parent/Carer's Information and Orientation night for **Reconciliation** (for Catholic Baptised Children in years 3 and above) **7.30pm** in the Parish Church. **Children are encouraged to attend with their parents/carers as a special workshop will be presented. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on either Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March or Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

**SICK LIST:** Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Leo Cornwell, David Eccleston Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Nathan Bethally, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, Tony Nolan, Fr David Catterall, Ann Webster, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Natalie Dwyer, Scott Chesney, Tomas Laming, Mary Fredericks and Reno Zamprogno

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Andy Grima (R.D.), Joan Ricketts, Peter Hampton, Colin Foley, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, and Maria Cabonara.  
*May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.*

#### Birthdays for this week:

**24<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Deborah Littlewood  
**26<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Bill Fabri  
**28<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Christine Foreman

#### Wedding Anniversary for this week:

**25<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Maree and Noel Laming (57 years)

**PARISH ROSTERS:** Parish Rosters are available collection for the Cleaners, Refreshments after Mass, and Flower Arrangers. If you are a member of these Parish Ministries your roster is available from the main table at the entrance of the church.

**PARISH EASTER LITURGY MEETING:** There will be a meeting on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre in preparation for the Easter Celebrations. **Readers, Sacristan's, Flower Arrangers, Musicians, Acolytes, Altar Servers and any interested Parishioners are all encouraged to attend.** Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be included on the Agenda. *Please consider attending, your input will be appreciated.*

#### LENT TIMETABLE 2015

**Ash Wednesday: 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
**9.00am** Mass and Ashes  
**7.30pm** Mass and Ashes  
**Stations of the Cross** will be every Friday evening during Lent in the Parish Church at **7.30pm.**

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum**  
**Thursday 2nd April:**  
**7.30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Then Altar of Repose till **11.30pm**  
**Friday 3rd April: GOOD FRIDAY**  
**10.00am** Stations of the Cross  
**3.00pm** The Passion of the Lord  
**7.30pm** Evening Prayer of Divine Office  
**Saturday 4th April: HOLY SATURDAY**  
**7.00pm** Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)  
**Sunday 5th April: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**  
**9.00am** Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

**THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Many interesting articles to read, great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance to the Church.

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: The Wisdom of Teresa:** Jan 30 – Feb 1, 2015, Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD, Cost: \$220 (concessions available), Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, Contact: 02 8795 3400, email: [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com) [www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au). Divine Friendship: spiritual guidance in prayer, holiness and mission from the writings of St Teresa of Avila.

**HEALING MASS:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm at Mary Immaculate Parish Emerald Drive Eagle Vale offered by Fr Richard McAlear OMI an Oblate Priest from the States. Healing Masses are very helpful for those who have suffered losses of any kind or who are praying for emotional, physical or spiritual healing. All welcome.

**TERESA: A 500TH CELEBRATION:** February 7: day retreat Presenter: Fr Greg Burke, OCD, Cost: \$20. At: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Contact: Ph 02 8795 3400, email: [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com), [www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au) Registration: 9.00am – 10.15am, Retreat: 10.20am – 4.00pm Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch. Pick-ups from Minto train station: 9.30am and 10.00am

#### PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY COURSE:

Tuesday 10 February St Columbkille's Parish Meeting Room, Corrimal (9am-3:30pm). Are you keen to develop personal knowledge, understanding and skills in developing caring relationships? Are you caring for someone who is frail, aged or living with a disability? Are you interested in becoming part of a pastoral care ministry team within their community? This basic training in pastoral care provides a comprehensive introduction for people to develop their understanding and ability to care for those in their communities who are aged, grieving, frail, housebound, living with a disability or generally in need of pastoral support. Registration essential by **Friday 7 Feb** to: Darren McDowell on 4222 2463 or [cfl@dow.org.au](mailto:cfl@dow.org.au)

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING: ACOLYTES, ALTAR SERVERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

**Saturday 21 February: St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown (10am – 4pm).** This training is essential for those who wish to become acolytes within the Diocese of Wollongong and especially important and useful for those desiring to bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or housebound. For registration please contact Helen Bennett: **RSVP: 18 Feb**, [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) or 4222 2403. Any enquiries to Paul Mason at [paul.mason@dow.org.au](mailto:paul.mason@dow.org.au) or 4222 2462

**LENT IS AROUND THE CORNER:** The Wollongong's Lenten Program this year is called **ARISE**. This program is a good way to prepare for Easter by deepening our understanding of Jesus' love for us unto death and grasping the anew the hope his Resurrection brings us. **Arise** contains beautiful reflections on the Sunday Gospels during Lent by Sr Moya Hanlen OLSH as well as soulful spiritual directions written by Fr Michael Fallon MSC and Sr Hilda Scott OSB accompanied by artwork, prayers and thought provoking reflection questions. More details to follow.

#### PARISH DIARY DATES:

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January: 10.30am** Catechist meeting in the Parish Centre.  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January: 9.30am** Retirees Social Group Gathering in the Parish Hall (for retiree's over 55) come along for a chat, laughs and a cuppa etc.  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: 7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group meeting (1st for 2015) in the Parish Centre.  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: 7.00pm** Baptism Preparation Class (*please note change of day*) in the Parish Centre.  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting (1<sup>st</sup> for 2015) in the Parish Centre.  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: 7.00pm** Easter Liturgy meeting in the Parish Centre.  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm** Parent/Carers information night for Reconciliation in the Parish Church.

#### Stewardship

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first Disciples – Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus Immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me – at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

**Vigil Mass: 31<sup>st</sup> Jan: Trish Newman and Bev McKenzie**  
**9.00am Mass: 1st Feb: Karenne Harvey and Julie Writer**

**Vigil Mass: 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: James Munro and Bertha Barbari**  
**9.00am Mass: 8<sup>th</sup> Feb: Helen Rawson and Catherine Minogue**

#### READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS: (Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

**Vigil Mass: 31<sup>st</sup> Jan: Pam Kenyon and Phil Kenyon**  
**9.00am Mass: 1st Feb: Agnes Seufatu**

**Vigil Mass: 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: Pam Kenyon and Phil Kenyon**  
**9.00am Mass: 8<sup>th</sup> Feb: Tess Writer and Feyise Writer**

#### CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: Group 6: Nasio Family**

#### USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

**Vigil Mass: 31<sup>st</sup> Jan: Help Needed**  
**9.00am Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Feb: Gwen and Brian Harris**

**Vigil Mass: 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: Carmel Munro**  
**9.00am Mass: 8<sup>th</sup> Feb: Christine Foreman**

#### FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan: Samoan Divine mercy**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: Julie Writer**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00AM MASS:** This will be returning in February. Thank you to the many people who are members of this Parish Ministry and also to the Parish Ladies Group who continue to support this Parish Ministry.

